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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PDIP, US, GW, VM
SUBJECT: NGUYEN CO THACH VISIT TO BONN

REFERENCE: STATE 179590

1. VICE FOREIGN MINISTER THACH GAVE THE GERMANS THE CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT THE SRV WAS ANXIOUS TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH THE US. IN WHAT WERE DESCRIBED AS VAGUE TERMS, HE ALSO SIGNALLED SRV WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS THE US PROPOSAL FIRST TO ESTABLISH COMMERCIAL AND DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, DEFERRING THE QUESTION OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR LATER CONSIDERATION. THACH DID NOT, OF COURSE, SAY THE SRV WOULD BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE US PROPOSAL.
2. THACH TOLD THE GERMANS THE SRV WOULD BE VERY FLEXIBLE ON THE THREE QUESTIONS AT ISSUE I.E. RELATIONS, MIAS AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. HE SAID THE SRV WAS PREPARED TO BE REALISTIC ON THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC AID. THACH SAID THE SENDING OF AN SRV DELEGATION TO HAWAII SHOULD BE SEEN BY THE US AS AN INDICATION OF GOOD FAITH.
3. SEPTTEL FOLLOWS ON OTHER ASPECTS OF VISIT.
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